

submitted herewith for the instant Application. No new matter has been added to the Substitute Specification. It will be appreciated that claims originally set forth in subject Application prior to this Preliminary Amendment remain part of the original disclosure of the Application. A marked-up copy of the original Specification of the invention is submitted herewith for comparison purposes.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 3-9, 11-17 without prejudice.

Please add the following claims:

Claim 18. A fence support comprising a sleeve for fitting over a support member comprising at least one web, said web comprising at least one means to support lengths of material, said means comprising an incision.

Claim 19. A fence support in accordance with Claim 18, comprising said supported lengths of material wherein said supported lengths of material are electrified.

Claim 20. A fence support in accordance with Claim 18, wherein said sleeve is composed of an insulating material.

Claim 21. A fence support in accordance with Claim 18, wherein said support member comprises a rod.

Claim 22. A fence support in accordance with Claim 18, wherein said sleeve comprises at least one internal projection for frictional connecting said sleeve and said support member.

Claim 23. A fence support in accordance with Claim 22, wherein said at least one projection is deformable.

Claim 24. A fence support in accordance with Claim 18, wherein said sleeve is substantially composed of extruded material.

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Claim 25. A fence support in accordance with Claim 18, wherein said sleeve is substantially composed of molded material.

Claim 26. A fence support in accordance with Claim 18, further comprising a cap covering said sleeve and said support member.

Claim 27. A fence support in accordance with Claim 26, wherein said cap is waterproof.

Claim 28. A fence support in accordance with Claim 26, wherein said cap is lockable.

Claim 29. A fence support comprising a sleeve for fitting over a support member comprising at least two webs, said webs each comprising at least one means to support lengths of material.

Claim 30. A fence support in accordance with Claim 29, wherein said means to support lengths of material each comprises a slot.

Claim 31. A fence support in accordance with Claim 30, wherein said slots are disposed at opposing angles relative to each other.

Claim 32. A fence support in accordance with Claim 18, wherein said sleeve comprises a means for receiving a promotional display.

Claim 33. A method of constructing a fence support comprising the steps of fitting a sleeve over a support member, said sleeve being provided with at least one web, said web being provided with at least one incision, and supporting a wire in said incision.

Claim 34. A method of constructing fence in accordance with Claim 33, comprising electrifying said wire.

Claim 35. A method of constructing fence in accordance with Claim 33, wherein said sleeve is composed of a dielectric material.

Claim 36. A method of constructing fence in accordance with Claim 33, wherein said support member comprises a rod.

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Claim 37. A method of constructing fence in accordance with Claim 33, wherein said sleeve comprises at least one internal projection which is frictionally fixed between said sleeve and said support member.

Claim 38. A method of constructing fence in accordance with Claim 37, comprising providing that at least one said projection is deformable.

Claim 39. A method of constructing fence in accordance with Claim 33, comprising extruding said support.

Claim 40. A method of constructing fence in accordance with Claim 33, comprising forming said sleeve substantially of molded material.

Claim 41. A method of constructing fence in accordance with Claim 33, comprising covering said sleeve and said support member with a cap.

Claim 42. A method of construction a fence in accordance with Claim 41, comprising waterproofing said cap.

Claim 43. A method of construction a fence in accordance with Claim 41 comprising providing that said cap is lockable.

Claim 44. A method of constructing a fence support comprising fitting a sleeve over a support member which is provided with at least two webs, said webs each being provided with at least one slot to support lengths of material.

Claim 45. A method of constructing fence in accordance with Claim 44, comprising forming said slots with opposing angles.

Claim 46. A method of advertising comprising fitting a sleeve over a support member, providing a web with support means on said sleeve for receiving lengths of material, and providing a promotional display on said sleeve.

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